1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh and Orissa	2328	2400	2900
N.E. States	202	313	310
Non-Conventional areas	500	500	400
TOTAL:	292000	301163	300600

(c) For boosting production and productivity of coffee, the Government of India through the Coffee Board, besides operating several Plan schemes and developmental activities aimed at intensive cultivation, replanting programmes, quality improvement programmes and water augmentation programmes, has also been providing necessary support in the form of agricultural research, extension, arrangement of credit and finance and other necessary backup support like supply of seed for planting purposes etc. Under these schemes various types of technical and financial assistance are provided to the coffee growers. Further thrust is being given for increasing productivity of coffee particularly in small grower sector and improving quality of the product to achieve competitiveness in the international markets. The Board is also encouraging large growers to produce specially coffee which fetches attractive premium in the developed countries.

FDI in food retailing

2404. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to allow 49 per cent FDI in food retailing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such retailer be allowed to sell rural industrial products as well; and

(d) what is intended to be achieved by doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The present policy does not permit FDI in retail trade sector.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

FDI in agricultural insurance

2405. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal from Planning Commission to allow 100 per cent FDI in insurance dealing with agricultural products in rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor: and

(c) whether any proposal has been received from foreign companies in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Buyer for subsidiary of Indian Bank

2406. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Bank is searching for a buyer for its subsidiary;

(b) if so, whether the efforts have been successful; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Bank has reported that it is searching for suitable buyer for its merchant banking subsidiary *viz.* Indbank Merchant Banking Services Ltd.

(b) No, Sir. Not so far.

(c) Does not arise.